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In re Application of:

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LAMP, EXTERNAL-ELECTRODE  
DISCHARGE LAMP MANUFACTURING  
METHOD, AND BACKLIGHT UNIT

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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following English translation of a reference previously cited with the filing of the application:

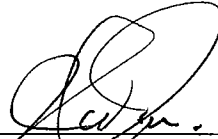
Japanese Laid Open Application No. S54-121578 (verified English translation).

A copy of the foreign reference and Form PTO-A820 are attached.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Price', is written over a horizontal line.

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